



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6946

LCO No. 4395

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD VISITATION FOR CONVICTED MURDERERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 46b-59b of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, no court shall make
4 an order granting the right of visitation to a parent who has been
5 convicted of murder under section 53a-54a, 53a-54b, 53a-54c or 53a-
6 54d, or in any other jurisdiction, of any crime the essential elements of
7 which are substantially the same as any of such crimes. [, of the other
8 parent of the child who is the subject of the visitation order, unless
9 such child is of sufficient age to signify his wishes and he assents to
10 such order. Until any such visitation order is granted, no] No person
11 shall visit, with the child present, such parent who has been convicted
12 of murder without the consent of the child's guardian or legal
13 custodian.

Statement of Purpose:

To end the right of prisoners convicted of murder to require minor children to visit them in prison, against the will of the children or their

guardian, without any limitation based on the relationship or lack thereof of the murder victim to the children.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]